

**Cook County Bureau of Economic Development(CCBED)**  
**Economic Development Advisory Committee(EDAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes November 12, 2014**

**Location:** County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, 4th Floor – Conference Room

**Call to order:**

Howard Males called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) at 8:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Herman Brewer, Lynn Cutler Graham Grady, Joseph Flanagan, Howard Males, Pam McDonough, Diane Moorefield, William W. Towns Ed Paesel, Ed Sitar via proxy.

**Others Present:** Phaedra Leslie for Karen Norrington-Reaves; Courtney Pogue, staff; Michael Jasso, staff; Meisha Holmes, staff; Sheryl Stewart-Caldwell, staff; Arthur Williams, staff; Jennifer Miller, staff and Irene Sherr, staff

**Members Absent,** David Day, Wesley J. Lujan, Commissioner Andrew Mooney, Victoria Matays-Smith

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 15, 2014 special call meeting were approved.

**II. Public Comment**

Chairman Males opened the floor for public comment. There were no public speakers.

**III. Subcommittee of Governance and Membership**

Graham Grady Subcommittee Chair, requested members provide him with names of potential EDAC members. He noted that given the expanded responsibilities of EDAC, it needed members with expertise in affordable housing and community development. He also noted EDAC continued to seek representatives of manufacturing companies.

**IV. Proposed Action on proposed Class 7C application for Fresh Thyme Farmer's Market (Fresh Thyme)**

Open discussion with representative from Fresh Thyme. Fresh Thyme's application for a Class 7C located 7501 North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Fresh Thyme is re-tenanting a former Dominick's grocery store that was shuttered in December 2013. The applicant plans to substantially redevelop a 28,222 square foot, full-service grocery store. The total development cost is estimated at \$4.1 million.

Pam McDonough, Subcommittee Chair reported that that the Tax Incentive and Tools sub-committee had reviewed **Fresh Thyme Farmer's Market application for the Class 7C tax incentive and the sub-committee recommends approval of the application by EDAC.** The Class 7C tax incentive for Fresh Thyme was approved unanimously by the EDAC board members.

#### **Proposed Application to create four (4) new South Suburban Enterprise Zones**

David Chandler of the Center for Neighborhood Technology gave a presentation on an application for the following South Suburban Enterprise Zones that will be presented to the Cook County Board for approval: Cal Sag Enterprise Zone Ordinance; Calumet Enterprise Zone; Lincoln and 394 Corridor Enterprise Zone and Will-Cook Enterprise Zone. Mr. Chandler highlighted the demographics, data and potential benefits of the Enterprise Zone designation. CNT in conjunction with the SSMMA garnered the support of 36 municipalities and two counties.

Pam McDonough reported that the Tax Incentive and Tools committee had reviewed the application for the proposed zones and recommends approval. The EDAC voted unanimously for the Bureau of Economic Development to approve the application for the four zones mentioned above and submit this application to the state for designation, subject to approval by the Cook County Board.

#### **V. Planning & Development Sub-Committee report**

Joe Flanagan, co-chair of the Planning and Development subcommittee, provided a brief report regarding a recent meeting which covered two draft documents required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Jennifer Miller, Program Manager of the Department of Planning and Development provided a brief presentation regarding both documents – the 2015-2019 Draft Planning for Progress Strategic Plan and the 2013 Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The EDAC reviewed and approved Planning for Progress so that it could move forward to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for review and consideration for approval. The EDAC reviewed and approved the CAPER so that it could be finalized and submitted to HUD.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.